

**MR. NOLAN'S BOOKLIST 2020**

**Visions of a dystopian future that inspire an epic alternative**

Cormac McCarthy *The Road*

Aldous Huxley *Brave New World*

George Orwell *1984*

**British Classics**

Jane Austen *Pride and Prejudice*

Anne Bronte *The Tenant of the Wildfell Hall*

Charlotte Bronte *Jane Eyre*

**That American Twang**

Mark Twain *Huckleberry Finn*

F. Scott Fitzgerald *The Great Gatsby*

John Steinbeck *The Grapes of Wrath*

Flannery O'Connor *Short Stories*: "Greenleaf," "A Good Man is Hard to Find" (or any of them)

**To feed that nostalgia for a rural Jeffersonian past**

Wendell Berry *The Art of the Common Place* (collection of essays)

**If you're a philosophy nerd...**

Edward Feser *The Last Superstition* (critiquing the "New Atheism")

C.S. Lewis *The Abolition of Man* (defense of natural law)

Aristotle *Nicomachean Ethics*

Elizabeth Anscombe "Contraception, Chastity, and the Vocation of Marriage"

The Montfort Academy

**To do some basic theology and have fun with it**

Fr. Thomas Joseph White, O.P. *The Light of Christ*

G.K. Chesterton *Orthodoxy*

C.S. Lewis *Mere Christianity*

**Darkness with just a smidgen of hope**

Graham Greene *The Power and the Glory*

Evelyn Waugh *Brideshead Revisited*

**Fantasy that's not a waste of time**

J.R.R. Tolkien *The Lord of the Rings*

C.S. Lewis *The Chronicles of Narnia* (all of them; more elementary)

**Gripping historical fiction**

Eloise Jarvis McGraw *Mara Daughter of the Nile*

Rosemary Sutcliff *The Eagle of the Ninth* (Roman Britain)

**Lives of the saints to make the ideal come crashing down to earth**

Luciana Frassati *A Man of the Beatitudes* (a life of Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati)

George Weigel *A Witness to Hope* (life of Pope Saint John Paul II)

G.K. Chesterton *Saint Francis of Assisi*

**Food for the soul: spiritual reading**

Thomas A Kempis *The Imitation of Christ*

St. Therese of Lisieux *Story of a Soul*